

TAX POSSESSION COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2006 MEETING
10:00 AM
WESTFORD TOWN HALL

Members present: A. Justin McCarthy; Angela Harkness; Mary L. Caless
Also present: William Mannone; Atty. John Canney

A. Justin McCarthy called the meeting to order at 10:22.

AJM addressed the Mannone property (4 Prescott Street) discussed at previous meetings. The Town of Westford previously took this property for back taxes. The owner's rights of redemption have been foreclosed. The owner has contacted this Committee and indicated that he wishes to redeem the property. Attorney John C. Canney appeared on behalf of the owner. Canney explained his client's proposal to pay all back taxes, interest, expenses and fees in return for redemption of this property. Since the last meeting at which this property was discussed Mr. Mannone has now come into possession of the funds necessary to redeem this property. AJM reiterated that this Committee is only the custodian of the property. The Committee can make a recommendation to the Selectmen as to how the property should be disposed of and then the Selectmen and then the Selectmen can make a recommendation to Town Meeting or allow the property to be redeemed in the Land Court.

Motion made (AH) and seconded (MLC) to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Francis Mannone be allowed to redeem the property at 4 Prescott Street by paying all back taxes due, interest thereon, accrued attorneys fees, and any additional taxes due since the date of the taking all up to the date of redemption. The Motion passes unanimously. The outstanding amount appears to be approximately \$40,000.00. AJM will get an accurate amount from the Tax Collector's office and send a letter of recommendation to the Selectmen. Letter will be circulated to members.

Committee members discussed the possibility of meeting in a more accessible location. AJM will look into meeting at the George Rogers Fire Station.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 am.